

PROCLAMATION CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6, 2010

WHEREAS, the preamble to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota states that, "We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"; and

WHEREAS, George Mason, in his Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner to our U.S. Bill of Rights, affirmed "that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other"; and

WHEREAS, these, and many other men and women involved in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen and stateswomen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 31 - November 6, 2010, **CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven Governor

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